Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Do Government admit that the people will be benefited if this principle is accepted?

Mr. President: That is a hypothetical question, because the success of such an undertaking depends on the extent of the funds that will come in this manner. The statistics of population and the volume of response in regard to this have to be taken into consideration. From the experience in British India, the inevitable inference has to be drawn that this system is popular only among a very limited number of people, and my own belief is that in the case of the people of the villages about whom the hon'ble members are thinking, there would not be sufficient savings forthcoming.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* The poor classes have nothing to save at all.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* I may point out that, due to war, the credit of our State has gone up, and all the upper and middle class people may prefer to invest their savings in the State Anchal Offices, if the system is introduced here.

WILLINGDON ISLAND—CLOSING OF A FOOTPATH TO VENDURUTHI

339. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) whether the notice relating to the Port of Cochin published in the Gazette of Dhanu 21, 1116, page 309 is published under the authority of Government, or whether it is a private notice;

(*b*) which is the private path mentioned in the said notice;

(*c*) whether this private path is within the jurisdiction of the State;

(*d*) what is the need for closing this private path to public traffic, on the 10th January 1941;

(*e*) who is this officer-in-charge and of what office is he in charge?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) It is a private notice.

(*b*) The private path is a foot-path to Venduruthi going south-east from the Railway Station in Willingdon Island—Survey 2578 of Mattancheri village.

(*c*) Yes.

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(*d*) The pathway is one opened by the Harbour Authorities. It used to be closed for 4 days in a year from 1933 to 1939, and after that it is so being done for 2 days in a year. It is so closed only to show that it is a private pathway.

(*e*) The officer-in-charge is the Assistant Executive Engineer, in charge of the office of the Executive Engineer, Cochin Harbour Division.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What do you mean by private notice ? Is it an official notice ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* So far as this Government is concerned, it is a notice by the Harbour authorities. It is not a Government notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* So you consider that a private party has notified it ? And then this path is surveyed as 2578 of Mattancheri village.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government) :* It is not the path that is surveyed.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri) :* What is the number of the survey of the pathway ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government) :* I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it surveyed?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, it has been surveyed.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has the Willingdon Island been surveyed ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It is stated in the answer that it used to be closed for four days in a year from 1933 to 1939. Was that path closed even before the land was sold to the Harbour Authorities?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It is answered that the path was closed from 1933 to 1939.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The land was not completely sold in 1933. I know that. And I am asking whether they closed it before it became the private property of the Harbour in the sense that the Port is holding it. How was it closed before 1933?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government) :* I want notice.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It is stated that the path used to be closed for four days in a year till 1939. My question is how were they able to close the pathway when the land was in our possession?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is this pathway a *poramboke* ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* *Poramboke* is land belonging to the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether any assessment is made on this pathway, or is it a piece of land over which no assessment is made?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It is part of the Willingdon Island, over which the question of assessment is still pending.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* So there is no assessment collected from the Willingdon Island?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The question is still pending.

Mr. President: It has been answered a number of times. The question of assessment is still pending.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Government are progressing. We do not know what is happening. Anyhow, up to this date, there is no assessment on the Willingdon Island?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* There is no assessment collected up to this date.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it assessed? Collection is a different matter.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The question of assessment and collection is still pending. That is what I said.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has it been surveyed?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* And numbers assigned?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* A provisional survey number has been given by the Revenue Department.

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